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PRESENTATION ON NONCITIZENS REGISTERED TO VOTE IN PENNSYLVANIA

BEFORE:

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opportunity. It goes back -- last session I know we were already trying to address this. In these computer programs, it is a mere if/then statement. In other words, in the computer code, if this person checks that he is a nonresident alien, then the application for voter registration should be -- and it should have been a part of that program -- should not be made available. I'm curious as to why this was not done.

MR. MARKS: Well, it's true that this has actually been an issue since the beginning of Motor Voter going back 20 years across multiple administrations. Until the Department, working in collaboration with PennDOT, sat down and we actually went through from the very beginning of the process, from the point that a voter walks through the front door all the way to the end, and we analyzed the entire workflow to find out where we could find opportunities to improve the process.

You know, I am not going to argue the point with you. It's not as simple as an if/then statement. There are multiple statuses of legal residents, so we have to take those into account, but we were able to determine a way to have the two pieces of that process communicate better with each other so that we can shut down the flow of noncitizens into the Motor Voter process.

REPRESENTATIVE DUSH: What status of resident